

OMMH Grants

The office of Minority and Multicultural Health currently funds 10 community-based organizations to conduct outreach in the areas Cardiovascular Diseases, Asthma and Diabetes, following is a brief description of each project.

Cardiovascular

Philippine American Friendship Committee, Inc. (PAFCOM)

PAFCOM was established 12 years ago and consists of 150 members, representing various ethnic organizations of Jersey City. Among its many activities, PAFCOM runs an annual parade and festival, coordinates an annual health fair and forum on health issues, and engages in charitable and humanitarian projects.

The PAFCOM's *Heart Disease and Stroke Project* is conducting community outreach and education on cardiovascular diseases through Asian-Pacific Islander organizations and churches in Hudson County, and screening individuals of Asian-Pacific-Islander origin for high blood pressure, cholesterol, stress level, and obesity (BMI).

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Friends of Grace Seniors, Inc.

In 1999, Friend of Grace Seniors, Inc. (FGS) was incorporated in New Jersey as a non-profit community-based organization with the mission to promote independent and healthy living for members entering their golden years through programs and services that build spirit, mind, and body.

FGS' *Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Project* is reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease and stroke caused by high blood pressure, high cholesterol, sedentary living, unhealthy diet, and smoking among Bergen County seniors.

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HEUREKA Center for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

HEUREKA was incorporated as a non-profit organization in January 1993. It identifies, focuses, and addresses risk factors to promote good health. HEUREKA has conducted a variety of health promotion projects in Burlington County, including screenings and educational presentations on Black infant mortality, abstinence, and tobacco use.

HEUREKA's project, *Speaking From The Heart*, outreaches to adult individuals on the positive impact of exercise and nutrition on heart disease at churches, clubs, health facilities, and other group gatherings in Willingboro and Burlington County.

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Concerned Pastors Economic Development Corporation, Inc

Concerned Pastors Economic Development Corporation (CPEDC) is a non-profit, faith based organization established in 1999 through a consortium of 35 member churches. CPEDC is dedicated to developing and supporting initiatives to improve the quality of life of Mercer County area residents.

CPEDC's *Operation Healthy Heart Project* is increasing public awareness on heart disease/stroke, risk factors, and risk reduction measures by educating the members of its 35 affiliated churches and other residents of the Trenton.

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Asthma

Hispanic Family Center of Southern New Jersey

The Hispanic Family Center of Southern New Jersey (HFC) was founded in 1976. For the past 27 years, it has been providing the Latino community a wide variety of health and related services in Camden area with programs such as Family Counseling, Health Education and Prevention, La Esperanza (outpatient substance abuse), Hispanic Women's Resources, and Hispanic Senior Citizen Services.

The *Latino Health Education and Prevention Project* (L.H.E.P.P.) is conducting health education and risk reduction workshops and pediatric asthma screening assessments for mothers (including adolescent mothers or expecting mothers) aimed at increasing access to health services for Latinos.

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East Orange Community Charter School

East Orange Charter School, (EOC) established in 1997 with the belief that "Education should prepare students to successfully meet the challenges of the new millennium by constantly being in pursuit of excellence". EOC aims to create a caring and nurturing learning environment that is responsive to the individual needs of children and families.

Breath Easi Project is creating an Asthma Resource Center in partnership with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) to conduct intensive outreach and provide asthma education, screening, and referral for parents and children residents of East Orange.

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Diabetes

Spanish American Social and Cultural Association, Inc. (SASCA)

SASCA has been in existence as a multi-social service bilingual provider to the low-income Hispanic communities of Burlington County for over 26 years. This agency is actively involved with the area hospitals, school boards, and local health officials to provide essential services and referrals for its clientele.

SALUD AHORA Project provides outreach, diabetes education, screening, eye exams, and referral services to Latinos residents of Vineland and Bridgeton through community meetings, churches, workshops, and trainings.

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PROCEED, Inc.

PROCEED, Inc., was established in 1970 with the mission to ameliorate the health and social problems of the minority population in Jersey City. PROCEED provides individuals and families with a comprehensive network of culturally and linguistically appropriate preventive health and human services.

PROCEED's project, *Latino Awareness for Diabetes Intervention Network, Outreach and Screenings*, provides diabetes education, screening, and referral services to Hispanic/Latino and other minority residents of Elizabeth.

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FOCUS Hispanic Center for Community Development, Inc.

FOCUS has been in existence since 1967. For the past 35 years, it has been providing the Latino community of the greater Newark area with programs such as literacy courses, health care, daycare, and job placement. FOCUS applies social marketing strategies to help improve the quality of life of Newark and Essex County 's Latinos.

FOCUS' project, *"A Strategy to Control Diabetes Among Latinos"*, provides diabetes awareness and education, screening and referral services to Latinos in the North Ward of Newark through lectures, and interactive workshops.

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St. Matthew Neighborhood Improvement Development Association, Inc.

St. Matthew Neighborhood Improvement Development Association (NIDA) is a faith-based, private, not-for-profit agency founded in August 1997 by the St. Matthew AME Church of Orange, New Jersey. St. Matthew NIDA was formed to serve as a catalyst for building safe, economically viable communities in Orange and East Orange.

NIDA's *East Orange Diabetes Project* is outreaching to residents of Essex County, primarily those living in Orange and East Orange, and providing diabetes education, screening and referral services.

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